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SUBJECT: LABOR PREPARES FOR PERONIST LOYALTY DAY

1. DESPITE WIDESPREAD UNCERTAINTY REGARDING PRESIDENT PERON'S DECISION ON RE-ASSUMPTION OF PRESIDENCY, ORGANIZED LABOR IS CONTINUING WITH ORGANIZATION OF PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 17 PERONIST LOYALTY DAY RALLY IN PLAZA DE MAYO. WHETHER OR NOT SHE RE-ASSUMES THE PRESIDENCY PRIOR TO ACT, MRS. PERON IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS THE RALLY. IN VIEW INCREASINGLY SERIOUS SPLIT WITHIN LABOR MOVEMENT, SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF ORGANIZERS TO FILL PLAZA WITH PERONIST LOYALISTS WILL BE VIEWED IN TERMS OF VICTORY OR FAILURE FOR VERTICALIST SECTOR OF ORGANIZED LABOR MOVEMENT. THEREFORE, VERTICALIST LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL HAS COMMITTED HIS PRESTIGE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE EFFORT. SHOULD HE BE LESS THAN SUCCESSFUL, BA GOVERNOR CALABRO AND THE ANTI-VERTICALIST PERONIST FACTION WILL EMERGE SUBSTANTIALLY STRENGTHENED.

2. ACCORDING TO LABOR CONTACTS, PRESENT STRATEGY IS TO HAVE OCTOBER 17 AS REGULAR WORK DAY WITH WORKERS BEING TRANSPORTED DIRECTLY FROM THE FACTORIES AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS TO THE PLAZA. ORGANIZERS AWARE THAT IF DAY IS DECLARED HOLIDAY, IT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO GATHER A RESPECTABLE CROWD. ON BASIS THAT STRATEGY, THEY CONVINCED THEY WILL BE ABLE TO FILL THE PLAZA. HOWEVER, THEIR MAJOR UNCERTAINTY - AND FEAR - IS OVER
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WHAT WILL OCCUR AND WHAT WILL BE CHANTED BY THOSE WHO ATTEND.

WITH SUPPORTERS OF THE ANTI-VERTICALISTS, THE BREAK-AWAY LEFTIST AUTHENTIC PERONIST GROUP, AND OTHER FACTIONS MIXED AMONG THE ORTHODOX VERTICALISTS, THERE IS NO CERTAINTY THAT CONTROL CAN BE MAINTAINED. NEVERTHELESS, ORGANIZED LABOR IS DETERMINED TO PROCEED WITH THE EVENT.

3. BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE OF OCTOBER 17 RALLY, VERTICALIST PERONIST LABOR SECTOR UNDER MIGUEL IS ATTEMPTING TO FREEZE POLEMIC WITH ANTI-VERTICALIST SECTOR AND CALABRO IN ORDER NOT TO FURTHER JEOPARDIZE PROGRAM. HOWEVER, ANTI-VERTICALIST SECTOR MAY NOT BE WILLING TO PLAY THAT GAME AND MAY ATTEMPT TO FORCE ISSUE (SEPTTEL). HOWEVER, DESPITE POSITION TAKEN BY ANTI-VERTICALIST SECTOR, VERTICALIST LABOR INTENDS IGNORE CHALLENGES TO GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 17 RALLY. ACCORDING TO LABOR SOURCES, THE FORTUNES OF CALABRO AND MIGUEL WILL BE RESOLVED SHORTLY AFTER OCTOBER 17.

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